

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 34 to 62 remain in this application. Claims 1 to 33 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Claims 34, 36, 40, 42, 46 and 59 are currently amended.

Claims 34, 36, 40, 42, 46 and 59 have been amended to specify the melt process processing aid to be a methylmethacrylate/acrylic copolymer processing aid. This amendment is supported at page 9, lines 7 and 8, of the specification.

In paragraph 8, at the bottom of page 4 of the Office Action mailed March 16, 2007 (the "latest Office Action"), claims 34 to 62 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement in. As suggested by the Examiner, claims 34, 36, 40, 42, 46 and 59 have been amended to specify the melt process processing aid to be a methylmethacrylate/acrylic copolymer processing aid. Therefore, the 112 rejection has been overcome.

Claims 34 to 62 also have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obvious-type double patenting in paragraph 6, near the top of page 3 of the latest Office Action over claims 1 to 19 of Schneider et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,649,248 ("Schneider") in view of Valentine et al. U.S. Patent No. 3,376,246 (Valentine). At the top of page 4 of the latest Office Action, the Examiner relies on Valentine for a suggestion of a melt processable composition comprising a melt processable polymer resin and a melt process processing aid.

Valentine does not teach or suggest the specific methylmethacrylate/acrylic copolymer processing aid. Therefore, the amendment to claims 34, 36, 40, 42, 46 and 59 overcomes the rejection of the claims over Schneider in view of Valentine.

All of the rejections to the independent claims have been met and Attorney for Applicants submits that all the claims are in a condition for allowance. Therefore, a timely Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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